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**NEW ABSTRACT:**

Please replace the original abstract with the following new abstract:

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

A valve assembly of a high-pressure fuel pump includes a valve element disposed in a valve chamber and a fluid conduit adjoining the valve chamber upstream. The fluid conduit is embodied such that in at least some portions a rotation (swirl) about a longitudinal axis of the fluid conduit is impressed on the fluid stream that flows toward the valve chamber.